

IN THE CLAIMS

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 - After this Response: 1-8, 10-12, 15-17, and 20-24
- Currently Amended claims:** 1, 2, 6, 10-12, 15, 17, and 20-24
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This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings:

1. (Currently Amended) A computer storage medium comprising computer executable code ~~for creating a graphical user interface presented on a display in communication with a processor associated with a group interaction application for facilitating file sharing among a first member of a group and at least one other member of the group over a network, the computer executable code~~ comprising code for displaying that is executable by a computing device to cause to be displayed a graphical user interface, the graphical user interface comprising:
- a group space associated with a first member of a group and at least one other member of the group, the group space comprising a first display area for providing an appearance of a shared file location which the group member and the at least one other member of the ~~other~~ group members may access;
- a first ~~at least one~~ control located in a second display area selectable by the first member to select at least one task associated with the group space and to activate one or more operations with respect to files displayed ~~located~~ in the first display area, such that the at least one other ~~group~~ member of the group is automatically shown the result of the one or more operations performed with respect to the files displayed in the first display area;
- a selectable indicator for visually presenting a group member list to the first ~~[[user]]~~ member of the group, the group member list including a plurality of group members, an indication field of a role for each of the plurality of group members, and one or more ~~in the list wherein the list of group members also includes an~~

indications reflecting whether ~~[[for]]~~ each of the plurality of group members whether the group member is currently online;

a second control located in the second display area, the second control including a drop-down menu selectable by the first ~~[[user]]~~ member of the group for defining one of a plurality of roles for the at least one other ~~group~~ member of the group;

a visual ~~[[an]]~~ indication ~~[[of]]~~ that identifies instances of content as new content, wherein new content comprises files based on the instances of content being added or changed within a predetermined period of time; and

a third control allowing selection by the first member of the group of the predetermined period of time to be used to identify the instances of content as new content.

2. (Currently Amended) The computer storage medium as in claim 1, wherein the group space is configured to facilitate communication among the plurality of group members via network is a peer-to-peer network.

3. (Previously Presented) The computer storage medium as in claim 1, wherein the at least one task comprises a first computer file system task usable to perform a drag and drop operation with respect to files located in the first display area.

4. (Previously Presented) The computer storage medium as in claim 1, wherein the at least one task comprises a first computer file system task usable to perform at least one of a copy, cut, paste or edit operation with respect to files located in the first display area.

5. (Previously Presented) The computer storage medium as in claim 1, wherein the group space is comprised of a subfolder that is displayed in a folder view.

6. (Currently Amended) The computer storage medium as in claim 1,
wherein the group space is configured to enable the first [[user]] member of the
group to [[may]] perform file system operations with respect to files in the shared
group space on the basis of permissions being granted to the first member of the
5 group.

7. (Previously Presented) The computer storage medium as in claim 1,
wherein said group space is assigned a unique identifier that is made available to
the at least one other member.

8. (Previously Presented) The computer storage medium as in claim 7,
10 wherein each of the group members having access to said group space is assigned
a unique identifier that is made available to the other group members.

9. (Canceled)

10. (Currently Amended) The computer storage medium as in claim 1,
wherein the graphical user interface further comprises ~~comprising computer~~
15 ~~executable code for displaying a second~~ a third control located in the second
display area, the third ~~second~~ control being selectable by the first member for
adding at least one additional group member.

11. (Currently Amended) The computer storage medium as in claim 1,
wherein the group space associated with the first member is further configured to
20 cause a version of the group space associated with the at least one other member
of the group to be changed in appearance in response to a change to the group
space associated with the first member ~~appearance of the first group space may be~~
~~altered by the first member, and wherein the group interaction program further~~
~~comprises means for causing the appearance of a corresponding group space~~

~~displayed to the at least one other group member to also be altered consistent with the alteration of the first group space.~~

12. (Currently Amended) The computer storage medium as in claim 1,
~~further comprising computer executable code for displaying wherein the graphical~~
5 ~~user interface further comprises~~ an indication of a file dropped by the first member
~~into the group space~~ whereby a notification corresponding to the indication ~~of the~~
~~file~~ is automatically transmitted to the at least one other ~~online group~~ member ~~of~~
~~the group.~~

13. (Canceled)

10 14. (Canceled)

15. (Currently Amended) A computer storage medium comprising
~~computer executable code for creating a graphical user interface presented on a~~
~~display in communication with a processor for facilitating an online group~~
~~interaction among a first online member of a group and at least one other online~~
15 ~~member of the group over a computer network the computer executable code~~
~~comprising code for displaying~~ that is executable by a computing device to cause
to be displayed a graphical user interface, the graphical user interface comprising:

a first shared space display area for a first member of a group and at least
one other member of the group, the first shared space display area being
20 configured to receive a drop of a file icon and further being configured to,
responsive to the drop of the file icon in the first shared space display area, cause
the file icon to become visible in a different graphical user interface associated
with the at least one other member of the group ~~that acts as a drop location for at~~
~~least one file icon, which upon dropping also becomes visible to the at least one~~
25 ~~other online member of the group,~~

wherein a shared file associated with the ~~at least one dropped~~ file icon may be retrieved by selecting the ~~associated icon;~~ file icon, and wherein the first shared space display area includes at least one visible task item selectable by the first member of the group to activate an operation to be performed with respect to the

5 first shared space display area;

a selectable indicator for visually presenting a ~~group-member~~ list of members of the group to the first member of the group, the ~~group-member~~ list of members of the group including an indication field of a role for each member of ~~the members~~ in the list of members of the group, wherein the list of ~~group~~ members of the group also including ~~also includes~~ indicia reflecting, for each

10 ~~group~~ member of the group, whether the ~~group~~ member of the group is currently connected to ~~[[the]]~~ a network associated with the group; and

a control for ~~selectively defining~~ selecting one of a plurality of roles for the at least one other ~~online~~ member of the group.

15 16. (Previously Presented) The graphical user interface as in claim 15, wherein the computer network comprises a peer-to-peer network.

17. (Currently Amended) A method ~~of forming a group space to enable interaction between a first user and at least one other user over a network comprising:~~

displaying to ~~[[the]]~~ a first user via a first user display a group folder object
5 having associated therewith a first selectable task for forming a group ~~comprising the first user and at least one other user;~~

transmitting ~~from the first user~~ a request to join the group by sending a communication over ~~[[the]]~~ a network to a computing device ~~used by the associated with~~ at least one other user to initiate a group communication session
10 between the first user and the at least one other user; ~~[[and]]~~

receiving from the computing device ~~used by~~ associated with the at least one other user a response to the ~~invitation~~ request, the response including a unique numeric identifier associated with the at least one other user;

displaying a first selectable indicator for visually presenting a group
15 member list to the first user, the group member list including an indication field of a role for each of the members in the group member list ~~wherein the list of group members includes~~ and indicia reflecting for each group member of the group whether the group member of the group is currently connected to the network; and

displaying a second selectable indicator that is selectable to select between
20 a first mode in which files from a group space associated with the group are copied to the computing device associated with the at least one other user in response to a demand for the files from the at least one other user, and a second mode in which files from the group space are automatically copied to the computing device associated with the at least one other user in response to the files
25 being added to the group space.

18. (Canceled)

19. (Cancelled)

20. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim ~~[[19]]~~ 17, wherein the network comprises a peer-to-peer network.

21. (Currently Amended) The method as in claim 17, further comprising receiving an input selecting between the first mode and the second mode ~~(a) a first mode in which files in the group space are copied to the computing device used by the at least one other user on an on-demand basis and (b) a second mode in which files in the shared space are replicated to the computer device used by the at least one other user when the files are added to the group space.~~

22. (Currently Amended) The method as in claim 17, further comprising displaying an indication of a file added to the group space by the first user, ~~whereby the indication of the file added to the group space by the first user is~~ being displayed with a new content indicator ~~[[if]]~~ that indicates that the file was added or modified within a predetermined period of time.

23. (Currently Amended) The computer storage medium as in claim 15, ~~further comprising code for displaying~~ wherein the graphical user interface further comprises an indication of new content, wherein new content comprises files added or changed within a predetermined period of time.

24. (Currently Amended) The computer storage medium as in claim 23, ~~further comprising code for displaying~~ wherein the graphical user interface further comprises a second control allowing selection of the predetermined period of time.